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WEATHER FORECAST.

For Nebraska—Fair and warmer.  
For Iowa—Fair and warmer.

## WRITES OF OR GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Confession of Camorrist at  
Reveals Strength of This  
Organization.

CITY OF NAPLES IS DISTRICTED  
Fourteen Bands, One for Each Section,  
Are in Control.

STRICT SYSTEM OF RECRUITING  
Newcomers Must Pass Rigid Examination  
for Admission.

DUELS PLAY PART IN RITUAL  
When There is Challenge for Small  
Matter, Restricted Fight Follows,  
Otherwise Contest  
is to the Death.

VITERBO, April 16.—Interesting revelations made by Genaro Abbatemaggio, the camorrist informed, at the trial of the members of that organization for the murder of Guocelo and his wife, had to do with the real nature of the camorra, the dreaded association which first found its way from Aravala into Spain and from Spain into southern Italy, and how its adherents are chosen.

The camorra in Naples, as Abbatemaggio explained, is divided into fourteen bands, one for each section of the city. Each is composed of twenty-four camorristas and forty-eight picciotti (recruits), each of the former having two of the recruits at his disposal. Each picciotto, in turn, is served by five or six giovani onorati (honored youths). The latter are aspirants for membership.

This in Naples alone there is a body of about 5,000 men, determined in character, resolute and tried in spirit and intelligence. This army, which has ramifications in almost every class of society, is practically directed by two men, the capo in tests, or head of heads, and the capone, or cashier, who takes the place of the head when necessary. Both officials are elected by a majority of votes. The capone is generally an old camorrist, clever in exacting each day the gains from the members, or able to handle them roughly if they refuse to pay.

Perfect Obedience on Oath.  
The picciotti are chosen from among the giovani onorati and are instructed in their duties by the camorristas. They are obliged to swear perfect obedience, after which the newly admitted member kisses every camorrist, beginning with the head of heads, in token of good faith.

When the ceremony of admission is about to be carried out, the society meets at the request of a member, after having posted the picciotti so as not to be taken by surprise. The camorrist, who has called for the assembly, submits the name of his candidate and offers to act as his padrino (kind of godfather).

He enumerates the services which his candidate has rendered, entering as ardently as possible into the details of thefts, burglaries and other important crimes which the picciotti, who desire to be promoted to the status of camorrist, has committed, not forgetting to call attention to the aforesaid infidelity which are the razor slashes across the cheeks of the persons who have had to be called to order. These marks are very prominent on the faces of both Abbatemaggio and Ericone, the latter the reputed leader of the society.

Similar to Court.  
As in a court of justice there is a Camorrist called the tercio, who takes the part of public prosecutor and finds arguments to oppose the admission of the candidate. Even when these arguments are satisfactorily met, the candidate must, in the presence of the members, undertake the tirata, a kind of duel, the severity of which varies according to circumstances and individuals. Generally the tirata is perfunctory, in which case it is called "of the muscles" because the combatants are allowed to wound each other only in the muscles of the arm, which they bare before engaging in the combat. If the candidate is the other part of the opponent's body he is disqualified.

In a basin, placed in the center of the meeting place—generally a tavern—five knives are placed. Two of these have sharp points and keen double-edged blades; two have only the sharpened points, while the fifth is characterized by its great length.

The knives are covered with a white handkerchief, and over this a red handkerchief is thrown. The godfather of the candidate, and a second, chosen for his adversary, take the knives with the double-edged blades, the head of the Camorrist takes the long knife, and the candidate and his opponent grasp the other.

The Duel Begins.  
The dupliants are then placed back to back, with arms bare to above the elbow, and when the head cries: "In the name of the saints Cosmo and Damiano, one, two, three," they turn and the combat begins. It continues until one or the other is stabbed in the arm. He who has done this slaying immediately sucks the wound, kisses his opponent as a bond of friendship.

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## Easter in New York Proves to Be Cold One; Wind Spoils Finery

Millinery Goes Flying from Heads and  
the Wealthy Stay in Their  
Limousines.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Flurries of snow early this morning and about church-going time, a bright-afternoon sun, hidden now and then behind great puffs of clouds, and cold westerly winds, which sent many an Easter bonnet flying, were the vagaries of the weather in New York today. Altogether it was pleasant, but far too cold and windy for the Easter festival.

The throngs that joined in the annual Easter parade up Fifth avenue were, perhaps, as big as ever, but the usual brilliancy of silks and satins was hidden by winter coats and furs. In straw of every brilliant hue with ribbons and flowers, the headgear bobbed about in a thousand shapes on thousands of heads beside the glossy black silk hats of the escorts.

Some of the hats of the women were of an expansive area and with just the sort of a plane surface for successful aviation. One particularly large one, with a huge plume for a rudder, was seen to make an ascension, and, after thrilling maneuvers, lodged behind a signboard on one of the high buildings. A favorable wind, however, finally brought it back to the street.

It was asserted by those who said they knew that fewer of the "upper hundreds" than ever joined in the parade this year and that a majority of those who did were within the shelter of limousines or huddled in furs in the carriages which streamed up the avenue.

The churches were crowded and it is doubtful if ever before such elaborate programs of music were attempted. In the decorations there were fewer Easter lilies. As a substitute orchids and tansy-schoenen roses, which combine three shades of pink, were favored by those who could afford them.

## Thieves Steal the Plumbing and Then Take Roof of Church

Pastor Farrell of McFadden Memorial  
Discovers a Crime that He Says  
Caps Climax.

NEW YORK, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The theft of the roof of the McFadden Memorial church in Williamsburg today, was the climax of a series of thefts in that section of that city.

The thieves had already stolen all the lead pipe equipment of the plumbing, not content with that, they went back today and took the copper sheeting that covered the building, valued at \$7,000. Trucks were used to carry it away.

Only two months ago thieves broke into the same edifice and stole lead pipe valued at \$500.

"That was bad enough," mused the Rev. Father William B. Farrell, pastor of the church, "but the stealing of the roof of McFadden Memorial church Friday night, certainly caps the climax of robbery."

## Aged Woman Burned While Alone in House

Body of Mrs. Pospisil of Pierce  
Found in Ruins of Her  
Home.

PIERCE, Neb., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Pospisil, the aged mother of John and Vacias Pospisil, living five miles east of Pierce, was burned to death Saturday evening at the home of her son, Vacias.

The son with whom she lived had gone to town. Another son, living a half mile west of his mother, noticed a heavy smoke hanging over the house about 6 o'clock. He rode to the house as fast as a team could carry him, and going to the door of the house found the interior filled with flames and smoke, the heat being so intense as to prevent his entering.

The charred remains of the woman were found lying near the cook stove. It is supposed she was building a fire for supper and the flames caught her clothing. She was 75 years of age and had kept house for her son, Vacias, for many years.

## LOS LOROS CLUB ENTERTAINED

Theater Party and Waffle Supper  
Features of High School  
Girls' Society.

NEW YORK, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Los Loros club of the high school in compliment to Miss Edith Hamilton yesterday afternoon at a theater party at the Boyd. Miss Hamilton will leave for the south Monday.

Miss Stevenson entertained the club members at a waffle supper Friday night at her home. The guests were: Misses Edith Stevenson, Edith Hamilton, Laura Zimmerman, Uah Renner, Elizabeth Rainy, Margaret Burke, Florence Hegblade, Helen Pogus, Minnie Anderson, Elsie Rogers, Messrs. Harold Moon, Lawrence Wilbur, George Grimes, Harry Jenkins, Douglas Burns, Milton Peterson, Miller Nichols, Guy Beckett, Edwin Landale, Ed Patton.

## JOHNSON TO SERVE OUT TERM

Reconsiders Commutation of Sentence  
After Learning He Receives  
Special Privileges.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Jack Johnson, heavy-weight pugilist, will serve the full term of the jail sentence given him for speeding his automobile in San Francisco. Police Judge Treadwell on information that Johnson had been accorded privileges not granted to other prisoners, reconsidered his decision today which set off eight days from the championship sentence. Johnson was to have been set free tomorrow morning.

## M'COY DECLARED BANDIT

Traveling Men Identify Man as One  
Who Held Up Passengers on  
Big Four.

RELLEPONTAINE, O., April 16.—Timothy McCoy was identified today by two men as the bandit who recently held up and robbed passengers on a Big Four train in Muncie, Ind. McCoy was arrested here.

The identification was made by J. E. Porter and William Glasgow, Cleveland traveling men, who were among those robbed. McCoy was taken to Muncie tonight.

## DEMOCRATS SAIL SMOOTHLY, SO FAR

Majority in House of Representatives  
on Easy Course, but Breakers  
Loom.

TARIFF BATTLE IS IN SIGHT  
Minority Organized to Put Up  
Strenuous Opposition.

FREE LIST SPELLS CONTEST  
Plan to Cut Duty Off Articles for  
Farmer an Issue.

SENATE NOT IN ANY HASTE  
Upper House, on the Defensive, Takes  
Its Time About Getting Ready  
for Action—Another Ad-  
Journment Probable.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—So far in the extraordinary session of congress it has been plain sailing for the well organized democratic majority in the house of representatives, but in the view of a strong minority, there are breakers ahead.

Democratic leaders refer with pride to their achievement of passing the bill for the popular election of United States senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days and to bringing before the house the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurances of its ratification by an overwhelming majority by the middle of this week.

To all these features of the legislative program, however, there has been little opposition. The wonder of it, to the experienced observer, was the demonstration of the smoothly running democratic machine.

But by what is to follow—the free list bill approved by the democratic caucus and favorably reported by the free list committee on ways and means—the rapid pace of legislative progress is expected to receive a check.

Strenuous Fight in Sight.  
Reciprocity discussion, begun Saturday, furnished an opportunity for the minority leaders to intimate their intentions and to make it clear that the bill placing on the free list manufactured articles in demand by the farmers is to be fought as stubbornly as any proposed democratic tariff measure ever was opposed in congress. The majority leaders realize the bill can not be rushed through, and they are preparing to meet the assault upon it in a prolonged debate.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee intends to submit to the house the committee's report on the free list bill on the concluding day of the reciprocity debate, so that it may be called up the following day.

The tariff debate, it is expected, will begin at once, and it is the hope of the democrats that the bill can be put upon its passage within two weeks. The determination of the minority leaders to assail it from every angle doubtless will result in keeping the measure before the house for a much longer time.

Minority Frames Plans.  
The minority members of the ways and means committee, in considering the proposed free list, voted solidly against, maintaining it was a hastily framed measure. It advised and not sufficiently backed up with information relating to the revenue concerned. Furthermore, it was pointed out the tariff board had not been consulted.

That Mr. Mann, the minority leader, will conduct an argument against the bill is beyond question. Mr. Payne, who was chairman of the old ways and means committee, will be allied with him in directing the attack.

This will be but the beginning of tariff excitement, as the democrats already are preparing revised wool and cotton schedules to be presented as soon as possible and later on in the session the agricultural schedule will be tackled and then will come again the controversy over the high cost of living. With all this in prospect, not to mention the proposed Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill, anti-injunction legislation, reappropriation and appropriation bills, the present outlook is that the house will be kept busy until well into the summer.

Senate is Leisurely.  
Two important pieces of legislation are ready for the senate which resumes tomorrow, but the senate is not ready to consider any legislation and, to all appearances, it is making no haste. The senate committee are not yet named and when it meets tomorrow it is probable another adjournment will be taken until Thursday. One of the senate leaders, when asked how soon the committees would be ready, replied:

"Well, we are on the defensive in regard to the tariff and I guess we are in no hurry to appoint committees. The senate will take its time."

The prospects are good, however, for the passage by the senate of the popular election and campaign publicity bills. There is considerable new progressive material in the senate and the popular election of senators is sure to meet with a more favorable reception than it did in the last congress, where it received a majority, but not the necessary two-thirds majority.

## DOUBLE MURDER AT IOWA CITY

Aged Man, While Insane from Rheumatism,  
Kills Landlady and  
Then Himself.

IOWA CITY, Ia., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Frederick Schwertner, 70 years of age, temporarily insane because of rheumatism, shot and killed himself today after killing his landlady, Mrs. Andrew Lillick.

## WORTH PREFERS HAREM GOWN TO HOBBLE SKIRT—"BOTH HIDEOUS"

PARIS, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Jean Worth, the fashionable dressmaker of Paris, thinks the new fashion of women's dress are hideous.

"But, bad as they are," he said, "I prefer the harem gown to the hobble skirt. In both instances the good name of French taste is at stake."

He thinks the change is greatly due to the taste of the dressmaker and that they should direct the flow of public opinion to the style of the day. To satisfy the femininity craving for change, he said, if there were a committee, they should not for originality, some dressmakers make



From the New York World.

## Opening the Door

## GOOD NEWS TOO MUCH FOR HIM

Patient at the County Hospital Dies  
When Turn is Called.

## UNION BARBERS TRIM INMATES

Perform Acts of Charity Which Are  
Appreciated by the Old and Feeble  
Charges of the County at  
Hospital.

Told by his nurse that the union barbers had come to the county hospital to give the inmates an Easter shave and that it was his turn, John Knudson, a patient, fell back upon his bed and died. He was about 45 years of age and had been in a precarious condition for weeks, but was apparently feeling better today. The first exertion and the momentary pleasure killed him. The physicians gave the cause of his death as heart disease.

Sixteen union barbers, armed with their razors and clippers, left the labor temple at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and in two hours had shaved, trimmed and given a general tonorial cleaning up to 150 inmates at the county hospital.

Superintendent McCluskey arranged a row of chairs in the north corridor and the men, most of them sick, crippled and feeble, filed by and took their turns. The barbers worked swiftly and most of the men received a very close shave and a very close hair cut, both of which added to their cleanliness and appearance. They were all charity patients, all men of feeble minded. Gray beards and carefully pulled mustaches were all sacrificed, for the enthusiasm of the moment spread and they tried to lose as much hair as possible.

Some Are Whimsical.  
In spite of their pitiable and absolute dependence the patients showed a whimsical vanity in the demands they made upon their benefactors. One little German who had enough strength left to strut insisted that his mustache be cut "a la mack". Local Americans who heard this wanted a General Grant effect in their beards and one Irishman staggered the barbers with a demand for a Robert Emmet haircut.

An old man who has been an inmate of the hospital for years said to his barber: "They've given me religious tracts, and they've preached to me, and prayed over me, but I'm blowed if you ain't the first fellows who ever did me any good."

The inmates are shaved ordinarily by each other, or when it is absolutely necessary by barbers hired for the purpose, since shaving and a neat haircut are not essential to their health a general trimming up is an appreciated luxury.

Organizer Plans Trip.  
C. M. Feider of Los Angeles, organizer for the International Barbers' union who is working in Omaha, planned the visit as has done in other cities. He found the union men in Omaha and South Omaha more than willing to undertake it and would have called upon fifty barbers if it had been necessary.

"In other cities," said Mr. Feider, "we have visited not only the county hospitals, but also the orphanages and child saving institutions. The men like to do it and we could not work for more appreciative people than these dependents."

The men who took part in this visit of kindness were J. W. Light, C. W. Johnson, E. A. Abbott, Charles Wright, H. L. Brown, E. B. Todd, Loren Bayless, Joe Callahan, Hardy Rappe, George Falconer, Charles Black, Fred Staffe, Otto Sorenson, J. R. Williams, W. Alman and C. M. Feider.

## MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

NEW YORK..... St. Louis..... Regatta.  
LIVERPOOL..... "America."  
BOSTON..... "Teddy."  
BIRMINGHAM..... "Potomac."  
ST. MICHAEL'S..... "Chagrin."

## Surgeons to Make Honest Woman Out of a Noted Thief

Operation on Mrs. Thurnherr to Cure  
Her of the Habit of Stealing  
Horses and Jewelry.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Criminologists are watching with keen interest the case of Mrs. Jean Thurnherr, the "cowgirl" burglar and thief, who was arrested recently for stealing a horse and also some watches from a jewelry store.

Mrs. Thurnherr was operated on today at a local hospital to remove a portion of the skull and try to effect a cure of her criminal tendencies. In her twenty-two years of life she has had many strange experiences. When she learned that her foster parents were not blood relations she adopted in succession the name of a bell-boy, a rag-peddler, a clerk and others. She broke horses in Arizona and attended bar in San Francisco. The physicians attending her are confident that the operation will remove forever her desire to steal.

## Toledo Blade Plant Destroyed by Fire

Valuable Library of Theatrical Books  
Owned by Robinson Locke Will  
Probably Be Total Loss.

TOLEDO, April 16.—Fire practically destroyed the office and plant of the Toledo Blade Publishing company here tonight, entailing a loss estimated at from \$150,000 to \$300,000, partly covered by insurance. One fireman was seriously injured.

The fire is thought to have been caused by crossed electric wires and was discovered by printers working on the third floor. The flames spread rapidly and for a time threatened the Toledo hotel, next door, and the wholesale grocery house of Church & McConnell, on the east.

Nine cartons of printed paper, valued at \$20,000, were in the third floor, finding their means of escape cut off, were rescued by firemen.

The flames were confined to the stereotyping room and circulation department. The composing, editorial, press and counting rooms and the basement were untouched. Fifteen cartons of printed paper, valued at \$20,000, were in the circulation department, which for many years has been the envy of foremost American actors. Mr. Locke said tonight these probably would be a total loss.

## Prayer is Substituted For Force by Officer

Leads Principals in Neighborhood  
Row in Supplication When  
Asked to Make Arrests.

DENVER, Colo., April 16.—Patrolman George Malone of the Denver police department is a firm believer in the efficacy of prayer and put his belief to an effective test today, when called to make arrests following a neighborhood quarrel. After listening patiently to the stories of the women involved, Malone asked: "Will you follow me in prayer?"

"Yes," they answered in chorus. Malone removed his helmet, laid his club on the floor and knelt in prayer. The prayer was brief, but to the point. When he arose the women were silent. "Cut out this squabbling," said the policeman, "and pray more."

To show that his physical as well as moral suasion was in working order Malone then went out on his beat and stopped a runaway.

## NIGHT RIDERS PAY DAMAGES

Four Men Who Burned Barn at  
Brooksville Compromise Case  
and Suit Dismissed.

COVINGTON, Ky., April 16.—An entry of been compromised, the four defendants paying Stanton \$2,500 and the costs of the dismissal was ordered in the United States district court here today in the \$5,000 damage case of Robert E. Stanton of Brooksville, Ky., against four alleged night riders who, it was charged, visited his home, tied his hands behind his back, and forced him to witness the destruction of his barn, which they had set on fire.

Lewis Stabbed Twenty-Five Times  
Announcement was made that the case had been dismissed.

## FIGHTING GOES ON PEACE TALK IN AIR

Serious Conflict Near Chihuahua in  
Which Forty Rebels Are Killed  
and Hundred Wounded.

PEACE MESSAGE STOPS ADVANCE  
Telegram from Dr. Gomez Halts  
March from Juarez.

MADERO SOON TO MEET FATHER  
Elder Hastening Toward Rebel Leader  
on Special Train.

BATTLE IS ON NEAR AGUA PRIETA  
Report Federal Troops Caught Be-  
tween Two Lines of Insurrectos at  
Cablona—Message Sent  
Through Lines.

BULLETIN.  
EL PASO, Tex., April 16.—The insurrecto forces reported as approaching Juarez last night have retired from that vicinity. The sudden change in program is said to have been the result of a telegram from Dr. Gomez, confidential agent at Washington, regarding peace.

BULLETIN.  
AGUA PRIETA, Mex., April 16.—Insurrecto leaders here report that a battle was begun this morning east of Cablona, fifteen miles south of this city. The federal troops engaged are said to have been caught between two bodies of rebels, who far outnumber the federales.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., April 16.—Forty or more insurrectos were killed and more than 100 wounded in a battle fought between Saz and Santa Clara canon, about fifty miles north of here, according to federal couriers who arrived today. They brought orders to have hospital cars ready for federal wounded. The federales report five killed, but later developments may change the figures. Several women and children are believed to be among the killed.

Coming across from Casas Grandes on their way to Chihuahua with prisoners under General Luis Valdez, the federales, followed by about 100 refugees, were attacked.

Five hundred insurrectos under Generals Orozco and Villa had been instructed by Francisco Madero to head off the Casas Grandes contingent and if possible capture and release the prisoners. The fight occurred on a hacienda as the prisoners, shackled together by ropes, and the women and children refugees, weary from the long tramp, were scattered in a long broken line.

Federales Return Fire.  
The federales immediately responded with heavy firing and placed the prisoners and non-combatants under protection. The fighting continued for several hours and resulted in sending north General Rabazo with 500 reinforcements.

The extent of the fight became known when refugees arrived here with evidences of having left the front in a stampede. So far as known none of the prisoners, among who are believed to be many Americans, was wounded and none escaped, although the statements are based upon official reports.

Great hope for peace is entertained here because of the prospect of the arrival of Francisco Madero, Sr., father of the insurrecto leader.

Fully aware of his son's determination not to give up unless he achieves that for which the insurrection was begun—a new election and the removal of the president—the senior Madero, it is believed, hardly would hazard a trip into the interior unless he had something definitely favorable to offer. A mere talk between father and son as to the disastrous effect of the war would result in nothing.

Rebel Leader Pleas.  
Madero, Jr., has been much pleased with recent events in the City of Mexico, which he says have encouraged him and strengthened insurrecto prospects. He told the correspondent he would be glad to welcome his father, but was emphatic in his assertion that no sentiment or family consideration would induce him to lay down arms.

Railroad officials received telegrams today saying that the elder Madero's special train was due in Jimenez at midnight, with the prospect it would reach here Monday morning. Even under the most favorable conditions, however, it might be subject to delays.

The party will be provided with another special train on arrival and hurried out into the interior at a point near Madero's camp. Railroad officials received instructions late yesterday to give every facility for the movement of the special train.

When the Maderos leave here they will have a rough road through the mountains.

## MEN CAUGHT BY MOLTEN IRON

Container Gives Way and Five Are  
Burned to Death.

PLUG IN CONTAINER DESTROYED  
Workmen Are Compelled to Release  
Tongs and Stream of Fiery Metal  
Runs Over Side of the  
Vessel.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 16.—Five workmen were killed, two fatally injured and twelve others seriously hurt at the Midvale Steel works at Wayne Junction yesterday when a container filled with molten steel gave way, the liquid spashing over more than a score of the employes.

The dead:  
JAMES TOBIN, head stamper, 42 years old.  
PATRICK PERRILL, foreman, 42 years old.  
PATRICK JOYCE, 24 years old.  
PATRICK MYERS, 35 years old.  
MICHAEL PANAS, 42 years old.

Fatally injured:  
George F. Steel, superintendent, Patrick Cunningham.

The accident occurred in what is known as open hearth No. 1. Several tons of the molten steel had been poured into the container and it was being slowly propelled along a traveling crane across the shop to waiting moulds. More than twenty men were under and around it guiding the vessel with long tongs when, without warning a plug in the bottom burned out and the molten steel instantly began pouring through the hole.

It spluttered and spashed over some of the men and they were compelled to let go of the tongs. In this releasing they hold the kettle became unsteady and began pouring down a stream of molten steel. Seven of the workmen were caught almost directly under the full flood, but all except one, James Tobin, managed to get from under the container.

The physicians say there is no hope for Superintendent Steel and Cunningham. All the victims taken to the hospital were in a terrible condition. Their clothing was burned and in taking it off patches of skin and flesh came with it.

## Roosevelt Returns to New York City After Long Journey

NEW YORK, April 16.—Theodore Roosevelt returned home tonight from a seven-weeks' tour of the west and middle west. As he stepped off a train from Chicago he came into contact with a crowd of outgoing Eastern visitors, many of whom greeted him with cheers.

Colonel Roosevelt's face was tanned by the western sun and he said he felt "bully," self refused to discuss the reciprocity proposition, prosperity in the west, or his own plans.

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